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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated August 12, 2003, for which the time for the two month early response is set to expire on October 12, 2003. This response is believed to be timely filed on Tuesday, October 14, 2003, the next business day following Sunday, October 12 as Monday, October 13, 2003 was a federal holiday. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.